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1. *Prefatory.*—The object of this Bulletin is primarily to form a medium of communication for all those interested in the Flora of this vicinity, and thus to bring together and fan into a flame the sparks of Botanical enthusiasm, at present too much isolated. An attentive study of plants in their native haunts is essential to the advance of the science, and in this respect the local observer has an advantage over the explorer of extensive regions, or the possessor of a general herbarium. He can note the plant from its cradle to its grave; can watch its struggles for existence, its habits, its migrations, its variations; can study its atmospheric and entomological economies; can speculate on its relations to the past, or experiment on its utility to man. It would be in vain to attempt to enumerate all the points about which a lover of vegetable nature can learn and report something new. Botany, like every other science, far from being exhausted, is ever widening its field. We hope, therefore, to have no lack of interesting communications, not only from deep investigators, but from all who meet with interesting facts,—for we wish it to be distinctly understood, that we have chiefly in view the development of a greater Botanical interest in our neighborhood, and found our hopes of success as much upon learners as upon the learned.

While the Bulletin will be chiefly devoted to the local Flora of New-York, it will not exclude matters of general Botanical interest, of which we hope correspondents will keep it informed.

Such papers of value as are too long for the regular sheet, will be issued in a supplement of from two to four pages at a time.

The terms upon which the Bulletin can be issued will depend upon the number of its supporters. We suppose at present that we can furnish each of thirty subscribers at five dollars a year with ten copies, but must wait for a little experience. If we find it favorably received, we are not without hope of insuring it a permanency, which of course it ought to have. But of this we purpose to speak hereafter.